



**Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations**

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Mr. Stephen M. Groff, Director  
Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance  
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RE: DE SPA 14-002 – 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to support individuals with disabilities in attaining and sustaining competitive employment; and DE-01.000 – a new section 1915(b)(4) waiver, Pathways to Employment

Dear Mr. Groff:

We are pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Delaware's request for a new 1915(i) Home and Community-Based Services State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-002 to provide services to support individuals ages 14 to 25 who are visually impaired; individuals with physical disabilities; and/or individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders or Asperger's syndrome, in attaining and sustaining competitive employment.

The effective date for this amendment is January 1, 2015. The CMS-179 form and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed.

Since the state has elected to target the population who can receive these Section 1915(i) state plan services, CMS approves this SPA for a five-year period in accordance with Section 1915(i)(7) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR 441.745(a)(2)(vi)(A). Delaware will be able to renew this SPA for an additional five-year period if CMS determines, prior to the beginning of the renewal period, that the state met Federal requirements and that the state's monitoring is in accordance with the quality improvement strategy specified in Delaware's approved SPA. To renew State plan HCBS for an additional 5-year period, the state must provide a written request for renewal to CMS at least 180 days prior to the end of the approval period.

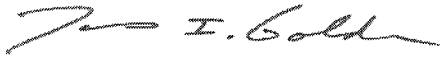
Concurrently, CMS is approving Delaware's initial 1915(b) program authorized under 1915(b)(4) of the Act under CMS control number DE-01.000, with an effective date of January 1, 2015. This 1915(b) waiver allows Delaware to limit providers for Employment Navigator and Transportation services approved under the 1915(i) SPA. This waiver program is approved statewide from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019. If the state wishes to make alterations to the populations or services that have been approved under this waiver, an amendment must be submitted for approval. The state may request renewal of this authority by providing evidence and documentation of satisfactory performance and oversight. Delaware's request that these authorities be renewed should be submitted to CMS no later than April 1, 2019.

As this 1915(i) SPA is operating under a concurrent authority with the 1915(b)(4) waiver, in order to continue operating the SPA as written, the 1915(b)(4) authority must be maintained. If at any time the 1915(b)(4) waiver were to expire or be revised, CMS would require revisions and updates to the state's 1915(i) State Plan HCBS as well.

A companion letter is also being issued with this approval letter to address concerns regarding the reimbursement pages related to the 1915(i) SPA.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Cleary, in the Philadelphia Regional Office, at (215) 861-4282, or by email at Michael.Cleary@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures